Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, the Capitol
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy:

We are alarmed by recent reporting that revealed that a Member of Congress employs a person with neo-Nazi and white supremacist beliefs. As Members of Congress, we have a solemn duty to protect the American people and must abide by an official code of conduct that ensures trust in our democratic institutions. We request that you move to censure Rep. Paul Gosar for harboring neo-Nazi extremists in his office.

According to reporting by Talking Points Memo and Arizona Republic, Rep. Paul Gosar's digital director is a prominent follower of white nationalist Nick Fuentes and a member of the neo-Nazi "Groyper Army". [1][2] Fuentes is a Holocaust denier who has warned against "Jewish control," praised Adolf Hitler, and promoted the Great Replacement Theory. The presence of a "Groyper" in Rep. Gosar's office is a betrayal to the safety and security of the American people and an indication that antisemitic individuals and the white supremacist movement have infiltrated the halls of Congress.

This staffer is the latest example of a disturbing pattern that reflects Rep. Gosar's lack of moral judgment. Rep. Gosar has a long history of associating with White nationalists and neo-Nazi extremists, and has used both his personal and official platforms to promote antisemitism and the Great Replacement Theory, a conspiracy theory shared by shooters who have targeted communities of color and Jewish places of worship. In response to his promotion of violence against elected officials, Rep. Gosar was appropriately censured by the House in 2021. It's clear that Rep. Gosar continues to legitimize antisemitic and white supremacist views through the employment of a neo-Nazi supporter.

Earlier this month, you led a bipartisan congressional delegation to Israel, where you reaffirmed your support for the Jewish people and acknowledged the history of persecution faced by Jews. We're asking that you stand as an ally to the Jewish people at home and that you take a strong stand against the antisemitism and white supremacy flourishing in your own party.

The Capitol is no place for the employment of neo-Nazis or for people who espouse the ideology of white supremacy. We urge you to censure Rep. Gosar for legitimizing antisemitism and extremism against the American people.

¹ Hunter Walker. "EXCLUSIVE: Capitol Hill Staffer Is A Prominent Follower Of Neo-Nazi Nick Fuentes," May 14, 2023, https://talkingpointsmemo.com/muckraker/paul-gosar-nick-fuentes-staffer-wade-searle.

² Ryan Randazzo. "Rep. Paul Gosar blasted by Jewish groups after 2 staffers linked to white supremacist," May 15, 2023, https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona/2023/05/15/gosar-staffers-linked-to-white-supremacist/70219684007/.

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